

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

**Wednesday, February 27, 2008
9:15 AM**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room "F", Second Floor**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

B. Continuing Education Requirements - Update

III. NEW BUSINESS

Board member duties and responsibilities.

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURN

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on November 7, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room E on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Leora Berns, O.D.
Patricia Henrietta Simmons

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry W. Siegrist
John Sienko, O.D.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

I. MINUTES –September 12, 2007

The minutes of September 12, 2007 were reviewed. Dr. Berns made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pinn, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are five cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 3 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

B. Continuing Education

The Department of Public Health is in the process the process for promulgating regulations to implement the new continuing education requirements.
The Board would like an update at the first meeting in 2008.

C. Licensure by Endorsement

The Board reviewed a letter to Dr. Pinn from Steve Eyler, OD of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) concerning endorsement requirements.

Dr. Eyler reported that ARBO's CELMO Committee met in October in St. Louis with one of its agenda items being the communications concerning the difference in the AOA's and CELMO's endorsement requirements. The CELMO Committee modified it eligibility requirements to exactly match the AOA's endorsement language. The new requirement now reads: "The optometrist must: hold the highest level of prescriptive authority in the state in which they currently practice"

D. Meeting Dates for 2008

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2008.

February 27, 2008

May 7, 2008

September 10, 2008

November 12, 2008

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:15 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

III. ADJOURN

Ms. Simmons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berns, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leora Berns, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists